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Freese Farm
1500 Harvester Road
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HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

Freese Barn built 1842 by Stephen Heinrich Freese. Carved in lintel over the door, in German Gothic letters, is: "Stephen Heinrich Freese and Catherina Margarita Freese nee Westermeier/31st of May anno 1842."

Area inside doors used for the threshing floor. Floor covered with tamped burned clay which made relatively hard paving. The clay was burned like charcoal, in a stack with brush placed over it, set afire and covered with dirt and allowed to burn one or two days. The grain was stored in the left and thrown down for the threshing. The heads were arranged together and the grain was trampled out by the horses going in a circle.

One story, 40' wide, 50' long, 45' high structure with a loft. Foundation of stone, heavy framing with vertical sheathing. Corrugated metal roof replaced original clapboards. The shed on the left of the door is original; the shed on the right was added later.

Well house (MO-1776-A) built ca. 1842 by Stephen Freese. Stone curb, heavy wooden housing. Similar in design to well houses found in Ste. Genevieve and generally considered French in design, but all of them date from the 19th century and may be German in type.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp and in 1986 by Deborah Fulton, HABS historians. A master list is available in the [REDACTED] records for MO-1800.